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TITLE: UNIT CARRIER COMPRISING AN INTEGRATED LOCK  
FIXING SYSTEM FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE DOOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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DE 201 21 126 U1 relates to a component connection comprising a connecting element (3) for connecting at least two components (1,2) of a motor vehicle. The components (1,2) have openings (15,25) corresponding with each other. The connecting element (3) engages the openings and encompasses the edge of the openings. One (1) of the components comprises a portion (13) which protrudes from the surface facing away from the other component (2). The protruding portion (13) can be engaged with the connecting element (3) by sliding the component (1) having the protruding portion (13) along the surface on which the components are joined together such that

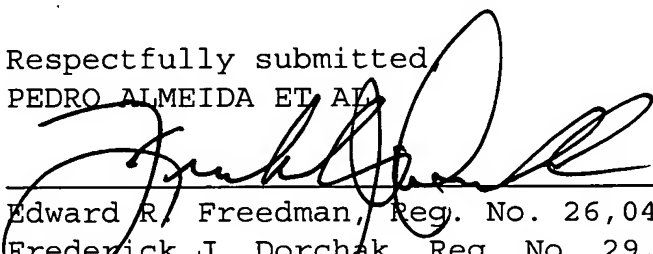
the protruding portion (13) is biased against the connecting element (3).

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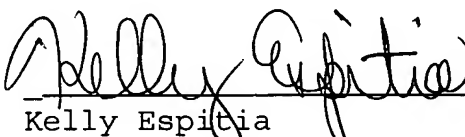
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